

TIGHTLINES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Miami Valley Fly Fishers



November Meeting

Our next meeting is November 8th

Kohler Banquet Center
4572 Presidential Way
(Directions on Website)

Meal Price - **\$15.00**

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner reservations are required.

Please make your reservation
at <https://mvff.us/reservation/>
by 9:00 p.m. on November 4th

November Speaker



Susan Thrasher started fishing at a young age with her dad in East Tennessee and has been passionate about the outdoors all of her life. In 2004, she started Southern Brookies Fly Fishing, a guide service and instructional school, based in Nashville, Tennessee. She left a successful engineering career in 2015 to venture into the business full-time. Her passion for fly fishing led her to serve

as the co-founder of the Music City Fly Girls, a women's fly-fishing group, and to serve as the Middle Tennessee retreat leader for Casting for Recovery, a program focused on breast cancer survivors and the healing nature of fly fishing. Susan credits most of her teaching success with experience gained as an instructor at the Joan Wulff School of Fly Fishing, where she has been on staff for the past 15 years. She is the author of *Thrasher's Fly Fishing Guide* published May, 2020. Susan currently lives in East Nashville, Tennessee, just a short drive from her beloved Caney Fork River.

Check out her website - <http://southernbrookies.com>

Susan will be speaking to us via a Zoom presentation.

~ John Young

President's Thoughts ...



The salmon fishing on the Pere Marquette River in Michigan this year can only be described as EPIC! More fish netted. Bigger fish. Fresher fish. In fact, I don't know of anyone who went on the trip this year that didn't have some salmon to the net. Truly EPIC! If you missed this year's salmon run, you still have the Canadian smallmouth bass trip to look forward to in June 2022. Let Jim Calvert know if you are interested in going to Canada because, unlike the Michigan trip, we can add more cabins to accommodate as many anglers as want to go.

Turning my sights to the November meeting, we have several opportunities available for you.

First off, we will have our election of officers. I have candidates for the positions of treasurer and secretary. **OUR CLUB NEEDS SOMEONE TO STEP UP TO RUN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.** If you have been a member of MVFF for a while and have not held an office, I highly encourage you to step up and take your turn. Please let me know prior to the November meeting if you are willing to take on this position. I have enjoyed my time as vice-president and president and have served as treasurer in the past, too. It gives you a special connection to the club and the members when you serve on their behalf.

The second opportunity is the beginner's fly tying classes. Eric Rice and I will be team teaching this year as Frank Cox is recovering from a nasty case of Covid. We will meet Fridays in January and February from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Rona Community Church in Fairborn. There will be eight sessions where we will tie two flies per session. No experience necessary as we teach you the basics so that you can build upon the foundation you learn in class to tie ever more difficult flies.

Finally, as in years past MVFF will have a table for fly tying at the BUFF show. The show is on February 5th from 9:00 to 4:00 and is located at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miami Road, Loveland, OH 45140. We will have our same

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President's Thoughts (cont'd)

booth as in years past – Booth B64. If you are interested in tying at the show, there will be sign-up sheets at the November meeting. ONE CHANGE this year – those tying will not get free admission to the show this year. So, I guess we pay our \$10 entrance fee to help support the show and our fellow fly fishers. If this is a hinderance to someone wanting to tie, let me know and we will find some club funds to help you out.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting on November 8th. If you can't make it, I am planning on Zooming the meeting again. I will set up the Zoom starting time for 6:30 but realize that club business probably won't start until around 6:45. In the meantime – I wish you tight lines!

JD Dukes
2021 MVFF President

The Times They Are A-Changin'

Bob Dylan's 1964 hit.

This piece in the December 1979 issue of Tightlines wouldn't work today. I believe the membership was entirely male, and it was indeed a different time.

December meeting needs you there!

The December meeting will be held at the Holland House, and we need you there! Otherwise, MVFF's treasury will be forced to make up for no-shows, and we don't need the extra burden, believe me! We must guarantee an attendance of 60. The program will be an excellent one, as usual, and wives, girlfriends, etc. are invited to attend. (If you don't have one or more, you have 3 months to find a broad, er, companion, and talk her into attending the dinner. So, get to work!)

Look at the club today and the role women have played and continue to play. Two have been MVFF Presidents. Two currently serve on the Board. At one time 3 of the four Board positions were held by women. Our female members are skilled fly fishers (just take a look at the latest, and past, Michigan trip photo albums on our Facebook page) and enthusiastic, creative, skilled fly tyers. They are committed to this sport, have volunteered to make club events successful and have served in important roles for years (our librarian and raffle chief come to mind).

The Times They Have A-Changed and, MVFF is so much better for this.

~ Editor



2021 Salmon Fishing Trip

Every year when I return home from the P.M. River trip in Michigan, I am thankful that we have such a great fishing opportunity so close to Ohio. The Salmon run is amazing and then you add in the resident rainbow trout and brown trout and an occasional steelhead it really makes for a rare fishing opportunity.

The trip this year certainly did not disappoint anyone. We had 29 fishermen at Barothy Lodge from October 3rd – 8th to battle these great fish and the fishing gods were very kind to us again this fall. We had a great run of fresh salmon waiting for us on the Pere Marquette River when we arrived, and more fresh fish migrated upstream every day. The weather was outstanding all week and the hook-ups were plentiful. By my estimation, the average salmon was about 19 lbs., and the big fish were 25 lbs. plus. We certainly did not bother to count the fish in the net, but from our dinner conversations I am guessing that we landed over 400 king salmon and a couple of dozen trout for the week. If you have never tried to land a 25 – 30 lb. fresh salmon on the fly rod you are missing a great test of your fishing skill. I believe the fish won at least 4 battles with the fishermen by breaking their fly rods, so it pays to have a spare rod on this trip.



Most of the fishermen used a guide on the river for one or two days, and I want to thank Eric Rice, Phil Ritter and Ron Lewis for bringing their Smithfly float boats on the trip which allowed many more of us the opportunity to see some great fall colors on the river and get to some great fishing spots we could not access on foot. I am thinking about next year already as I file away some fond memories from this year.

Now it's time to start planning our spring trip to Waterfalls Lodge in Ontario for the first week in June. We have not made this trip for 2 years due to the virus outbreak. With that thought in mind, everyone stay healthy and stay safe on the water.

~ Jim Calvert

Check out the photos from this trip - https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/?ref=page_internal



November Fly of the Month



Schmidt's Pere Marquette River Caddis

Instructions by Bill "Woody" Woodward

Photography by Bob Cain

Recipe

Hook.....Scud, 1XH, size 10-14

Thread.....Black, 6/0

Body.....Green Hollow Larva Lace or equivalent

Hackle.....Hen, Grizzly or Brown

Head.....Tan Dubbing

1. Attach the thread slightly behind the hook eye and wrap it back down the hook shank 1/8". Let the thread hang.
2. Cut a 4-5" piece of Larva Lace and tie it in by one end about 1/8" behind the hook eye. Keeping the length of the lace on top of the hook shank, wrap over it with tight thread wraps to the middle of the hook bend, then return the thread to the lace tie-in point.
3. Now wrap the lace forward up the hook shank in touching turns to its tie-in point and tie it off. Remove any excess lace.
4. Select a hen hackle feather with barbs long enough to reach from the hook eye back to the hook bend. Remove the fluff and

- stroke the fibers down toward the butt of the feather. Tie the feather in by its tip at the front of the lace body and, stroking the barbs back with each wrap, make 2-4 wraps forward toward the hook eye to form a collar and tie it off. Remove the excess hackle. Make a few thread wraps back over the base of the collar to ensure that the barbs stay leaning back over the body of the fly. Let the thread hang.
5. Dub the thread lightly and wrap it over the collar thread wraps to behind the hook eye to form a bulky dubbed head.
6. Whip finish behind the hook eye and cut the thread.

Notes from the Library

November 2021

We have reached back to some old classics to highlight trout fishing in lakes and streams. We were privileged to have Skip Morris speak to the club in October. In searching the MVFF library we found *Morris & Chan on Fly Fishing Trout Lakes*, a well-illustrated book with clear drawings, pictures and diagrams. Early chapters describe everything from how to anchor the boat properly to positioning yourself in a float tube or placement on the bank. With discussion of when your rod *should* be touching or in the water, observing water flows in and out of the lake, and reading structures and how they affect water flow. Chapter 7 exclusively details insects and other trout foods again with clear illustrations on where and how to fish each. Morris and Chan follow up with a whole chapter devoted to specific fly patterns (including recipes)

that they have found to work best. Rounding out the book with chapters on outfitting the boat or float, to solid knot practice. The index provides easy access to subject-specific pages.

Off the Shelf:

Fly Fishing Trout Lakes.... Skip Morris and Brian Chan

Fishing Moments of Truth...Eric Peper and Jim Rikhoff

Mayflies of Michigan Trout Streams...Justin and Fannie Leonard

On DVD:

The Road to Steelhead Alley...Castle Douglas

Fly Fishing Eastern Freestone Streams...Ian Rutter

These and more will be on display at the November MVFF meeting. Check them out. J.W.

October Speaker Recap

Skip Morris had an interesting presentation at last month's meeting. Lots of information on fly fishing for bass, bluegill and other panfish. He wanted to let us know he had a new proportion chart that is available on his website that would be beneficial for many of us tiers. Go to <http://www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com/skip-morris-trout-fly-proportion-chart.html> and scroll to the bottom to print the 3-page chart.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing



Meet the Winners

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is pleased to announce the winners of the 9th Annual Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing National Fly Tying Competition! Following an exciting Public Judging Round (during which over 3,000 votes were cast!), six finalists in each category proceeded to the Finals Round to be judged by an expert panel who determined 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each category. Now in its 9th year, the Project Healing Waters Fly Tying Competition is focused on expanding the therapeutic experience for PHWFF disabled veterans by giving them the opportunity to showcase their fly tying skills and creativity in a fun contest. Take a look at these great ties at the link below . . .

<https://projecthealingwaters.org/announcements/meet-the-winners-the-9th-annual-fly-tying-competition/>

2022 Dues and Membership Reminder

Please be aware that it is time to pay your 2022 dues. Your dues must be paid by the end of February in order to retain active member status. Any new member paying dues between September 1 and December 31st will receive credit for the last months of 2021 and the payment will also cover the full 2022 membership! Dues can be paid at club meetings, online through our PayPal account (see website) or by check, made out to "MVFF", and sent to our PO box.

We also have an independent youth membership designed for a young person under 18 who wants to join the club but does not have a parent/guardian as the primary member. We hope to conduct educational service projects in local high schools and vocational programs again and we expect some of these students will want to join our club. The cost for Independent Youth Membership is \$10.00 per year.

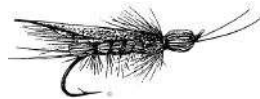
All members of MVFF receive an email copy of the newsletter –

Tightlines, with new members receiving a badge, patch, window decal, lapel pin and flies donated by club members. Membership also includes access to a number of club activities and programs at no cost, including fly tying classes, mid-week fishing outings and the opportunity to make friends you will never forget!

We also have several memberships that were donated by other members of the club that can be extended to those who may be struggling with making their annual dues payment. Please talk to one of the board members should you or someone you know be in need of this benefit.

If you have any questions, about dues or your membership, please contact me. Thanks for helping support the Club through your dues, donations and attendance.

Karen Via, Club Secretary
karenbw@hotmail.com



Mentoring Update *The Mentor and Mentee sign-up pages are now live!*

If you would like to be a Mentor or Mentee you may now sign up after logging in to the website, then navigating to the Member Area of the main menu. The Mentoring page is a "members only" area of the site restricted to registered members.

We have started putting resources for Mentors and Mentees on the Mentoring page. One important resource available to both is the "Mentor-Mentee Mentoring Action Plan". This plan was put together to help identify measurable goals and a plan to achieve those goals. The Mentee can identify what they want to learn and the Mentor can put together a plan to help the Mentee achieve those goals. We sincerely hope that people will welcome and use this plan as a tool to be successful.

As soon as we have Mentors signed up, we will hold a Training Class. We will reserve a room at a local library that can accommodate everyone and allow us to project the training slides on a screen for all to see and hear. Shawn Johnson has done a great job putting the training together and will be our initial instructor for the Training Classes. Stay tuned for updates.

Also, we have set up a Gmail account to allow for better continuity and help with the success of the program. For questions and more information on the program email us at – mvffmentor@gmail.com – at any time.

Sincerely,
The Mentoring Committee

October Raffle Winners

1. ORVIS ENCOUNTER 9 ft., 6 wt. 4-piece Rod/Reel Combo with case
Won by Mike Waggoner
2. SIMMS FLY WEIGHT HIP HYBRID SYSTEM Wading Belt
Won by Andrew Davis
3. SIMMS TRIBUTARY Rubber Wading Boot Size 11
Won by Lew Hofmann
4. OASIS Lazy Susan Fly Materials Oak Station Kit
Won by Everett Vanetta
5. WELLERS Antique 107 Kentucky Straight Bourbon Whiskey & Wooden Cheese Board w/2 KNIVES & 3 varieties of cheese
Won by Rob Hessinger
6. POSITIVITEES Tools of the Trade T-Shirt
Won by Tonya James

Both old and new members took the prizes home this month.

Hope to see everyone for November's "Thankful & Grateful" Raffle.

~ Jana Champ

Website Updates

Several documents have been added to the website

- Mentor-Mentee Action Plan
- Working With Youth
- MVFF Website Tips

They can be found at <https://mvff.us/reference-articles/> in the Club Documents section.

Save the Date for the 2022 BUFF Show

The 2022 Buckeye United Fly Fishers Greater Cincinnati Fly Fishing show will be held February 5th. Last year they held "virtual Zoom show", 2022 sees the return to a live show. It will be held at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Rd, Loveland, OH 45140.

<http://www.buckeyeflyfishers.com/buffsql/index.asp>

Monitoring the Mad

The Madmen Chapter of Trout Unlimited conducted its last stream monitoring of 2021 on October 16th. There were 13 volunteers in attendance.

Mad River Water Monitoring Scores (Anything 23 or above is considered Excellent.)

Rt 36	26	Rt 29	35
Watson	38	Pimtown	35
Mac-O-Chee	30	West Liberty	32

- Water temps: 58 - 60 degrees

- Damselflies at ALL locations (I do not recall this ever happening before)

~ Joe Nagle



FFI Award Recipients

The Fly Fishers International Board of Directors recently announced the recipients of the 2021 FFI Board Awards of Achievement. These annual awards recognize the achievements and dedicated service of our members and volunteers.

The FFI McKenzie Cup, an award given annually to that FFI Club which has made the most outstanding contribution on behalf of the FFI, was awarded to the Northern Kentucky Fly Fishers - Lakeside Park, Kentucky (<https://nkff.org>).

A full list of recipients can be viewed here: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/News/ffi-presents-2021-board-awards-of-achievement>.



Hike with LMWN to Protect Water!

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 17, 2021

HIKE STARTS IN CORWIN AT THE BIKE TRAIL AT 10:00 AM

More info and registration at

<https://mailchi.mp/27cc6547e5dd/lmwn-hike-on-wednesday-november-17?e=4246dfc881>

The MVFF Flybrary

The "Flybrary" is a way members can share with each other the flies they use to catch fish.

A member wishing to share a fly with others, gets a card, fills out some information about the fly, attaches the fly to the card, and returns it to the Flybrary box that will be at each meeting. When another person sees a fly they might want to use, they can take the fly and the card out of the box. Now they have a fly that has been effective in catching fish, some information about how to use the fly, and they have the name of a MVFF member they can contact if they have questions about the fly, or the recipe to make it themselves.



You can get cards at the meetings or on the website at <https://mvff.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/MVFF-Flybrary-Project.pdf>.

~ Shawn Johnson

FFI Virtual Expo

Imagine: fly fishing luminaries and experts gathered in your living room, recalling fish tales and sharing their vast knowledge.

Join us from November 5 - 7 to make this a reality — registration is open now! Our Virtual Expo will bring together some of the best instructors, presenters, and fly fishing personalities in the sport...and it's all online and accessible to everyone. Register at <https://flyfishersinternational.org/Virtual-Expo/Activities>



Mad River Drift

Here is a link to the September issue of the TU Madmen Chapter newsletter. When you open the link it gives you access to previous newsletters and the ability to subscribe.

<https://us20.campaign-archive.com/?u=8049cc4f0cf9c67bcac699302&id=0a353f9e9e>



Find All Fishing Reports

Fishing reports are broken down by region – Lake Erie, central, northeast, northwest, southeast, and southwest – all of which can be found online.

<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources/fishing-reports-forecasts>

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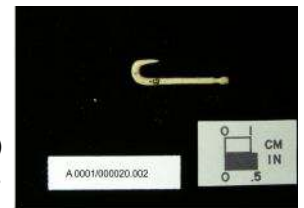


<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/hunting-resources/huntfishoh-mobile-app>

The Oldest Fish Hook You'll See Today

This is a bone fishhook from the Late Prehistoric Period (1000 AD-1649 AD) which was found in Ross County. It is shaped like the letter J. and is

polished to a point on the hook end with a groove at the opposite end for attaching a line.



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MVFF

Miami Valley Fly Fishers Inc., established in 1975 and re-organized in 2016 as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of fly fishing in Ohio. Our goal is cleaner water and brighter streams.

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CALENDAR

Check the [MVFF Calendar](#) page or our Facebook Events page for updates & details

<https://www.facebook.com/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/>

Remember, you can find many photos of MVFF happenings on our [Facebook](#) page.

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/MiamiValleyFlyFishers/photos/>

Help!

I need material for this newsletter. So if you have been on a fishing trip and want to write an article and share pictures, please send info my way. Maybe you have tactics, equipment tips or some other knowledge you would like to share. We would welcome the contributions. If you have ideas on what you would like to see in Tightlines let me know. My contact information is on this page.

~ Tom Arnold, Editor

Membership Update

These past twenty months have been difficult for all of us and it's wonderful that we can now resume meetings.

Because of this unique period we did not remove members from the roster who had not paid their dues by March 1st as usual. However, as of May 31 unpaid members have been removed from the roster and email list. Those members who had registered on the website have had their accounts deleted. If you decide to rejoin later you will have to re-register.

We're sorry to see members leave and hope you might choose to join us again.

Dues!

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